a third benefit and that membership of the Scheme should be made optional. As pension and Central Provident Fund are considered mutually exclusive, it is not possible to give pension as a third benefit. It would also not be possible to make the membership of the Scheme optional as in the event of it being made optional, acturial calculations will just not be feasible because there would be no definiteness about contribution to the Scheme which is necessary in every contributory Scheme. The Scheme however, provides for exemption of establishments if they have their own comparable or superior Pension Schemes.

Steps to Resolve Bilateral Trade Issues

1343. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to resolve the outstanding bilateral trade issues;

(b) if so, the steps taken to reserve the bilateral trade issues between India and Russia; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bilateral trade issues between India & Russia are being discussed regularly and steps are being taken to resolve problems. A comprehensive review of such issues was conducted during the visit of the Minister of State for Commerce to Moscow in September, '95. Subsequently, the entire gamut of trade issues was discussed in the second meeting of the Indo-Russian Working Group on Trade & Economic Cooperation held in New Delhi from Oct. 5—9, 1995.

The bilateral trade during the period April-September '95 has reached a level of Rs. 2945 cr. as against the Figure of Rs. 1602 cr. during the same period in the preceding year, registering a growth of 84%.

Depositing the Amount of EPF by Ranbaxy

1344. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether deduction of subscription of Employees Provident Fund is made regularly by the Drug Company, Ranbaxy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount deposited with Provident Fund Commissioner during the last three years;

(c) the amount which has yet to be deposited and the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the action taken against the company for not depositing the amount in time?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. has its own Provident Fund Trust in which the amount of EPF Contributions are being deposited. However, the employer is regularly depositing the amount of Family Pension contribution, EPF Inspection charges and EDLI inspection charges with the RPFC, Delhi. Deposits made during the last three years are as under:—

1992-93	Rs. 13,76,388/-
1993-94	Rs. 17,76,097/-
1994-95	Rs.20,06,975/-

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Problem of Women Labour

1345. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific scheme to resolve the problem of women labour particularly in Industrial, Agricultural and Super Bazar sector;

(b) if so, what are the complete details